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GROMYKO TODAY APPEARS ESSENTIAL POINTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. SOVGOV PROPOSES QUESTION OF WESTERN BERLIN BE DECIDED BY TRANSFORMATION OF WESTERN BERLIN INTO "INDEPENDENT POLITICAL UNIT--A FREE CITY IN LIFE OF WHICH NO STATE WOULD INTERFERE INCLUDING EITHER OF THE EXISTING TWO GERMAN STATES".
2. THAT TERRITORY OF FREE CITY COULD BE DEMILITARIZED AND NO ARMED FORCES WOULD BE ON IT.
3. FREE CITY WESTERN BERLIN COULD HAVE ITS OWN GOVERNMENT AND DIRECT ITS OWN ECONOMIC, ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER AFFAIRS.
4. FOUR POWERS TO TAKE UPON THEMSELVES OBLIGATION TO RESPECT STATUS WESTERN BERLIN AS FREE CITY IN SUCH WAY AS FOR EXAMPLE THIS WAS DONE BY THE FOUR POWERS IN RELATION TO THE NEUTRALITY STATUS RAISED BY THE AUSTRIAN REPUBLIC.
5. THE UN IN SOME FORM COULD UNDERTAKE OBSERVANCE STATUS FREE CITY WESTERN BERLIN.
6. IF USA, GREAT BRITAIN AND FRENCH EXPRESS AGREEMENT TO CONSIDER QUESTION LIQUIDATION PRESENT OCCUPATION REGIME IN WESTERN BERLIN BY CREATION ON ITS TERRITORY FREE CITY SOVIET

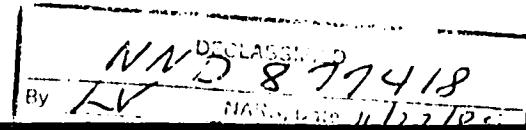
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GOVERNMENT WOULD BE READY IN THE NAME OF THE FOUR POWERS TO ENTER INTO OFFICIAL CONTACT ON THIS QUESTION WITH THE GOVT OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.

7. IF THIS PROPOSAL IS NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE US THEN THERE WILL REMAIN NO REPEAT NO SUBJECT FOR NEGOTIATIONS OF THE FORMER OCCUPYING POWERS ON THE BERLIN QUESTION.
8. EVIDENTLY A CERTAIN TIME IS NECESSARY IN ORDER THAT THE POWERS OCCUPYING BERLIN AFTER THE DEFEAT OF THE HITLER WEHRMACHT SHOULD AGREE ON A DECLARATION OF WESTERN BERLIN AS A FREE CITY. IN VIEW OF THIS SOVGOV PROPOSES NOT TO INTRODUCE CHANGES IN THE PRESENTLY EXISTING SYSTEM OF MILITARY TRANSPORT OF THE USA, GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE FROM WESTERN BERLIN INTO THE GERMAN FEDERAL REPUBLIC DURING THE PERIOD OF A HALF YEAR.
9. IF THE NAMED PERIOD WILL NOT BE USED FOR REACHING AN APPROPRIATE AGREEMENT THEN THE SOVIET UNION WILL CARRY OUT BY MEANS OF AGREEMENT WITH THE GDR THE NAMED MEASURES.

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